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National Social Assistance Programme
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the schemes being implemented under the National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) in the country;

(b) the details and the number of beneficiaries thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated and spent under the said schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to lower the age bar for beneficiaries of the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme under NSAP, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of changes carried out in these schemes and complaints received during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(f) whether the Government has setup any task force to formulate/implement the schemes effectively in the country alongwith other steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a): Salient features of the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) are at Annexure-I.

(b): Details and number of beneficiaries thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise, State/UT-wise are at Annexure-II.

(c): Details of the funds allocated and spent under the said schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise are at Annexure-III.

(d): At present there is no proposal to lower the age bar for beneficiaries of the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under NSAP.
(e): Details of changes carried out in these schemes during last three years and current year are at Annexure-IV.No incidents of complaints under NSAP scheme have come to the notice of Government during last three years and current year. Identification of beneficiaries, sanction and disbursement of benefit under the schemes of NSAP is done by the State/UT's. However, any grievances or representations received in this Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State/UT Governments for appropriate action.

(f)& (g): A task force was setup by Government for making a Comprehensive National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). The report of the Task Force is at Annexure-V.The other steps taken by the Government to formulate/implement the NSAP schemes effectively are as under:-
In order to increase the transparency and accountability in the implementation, it had been decided to computerize the data base of the beneficiaries under various schemes of NSAP. Accordingly the Software namely NSAP-MIS had been developed by NIC . The software captures all the essential processes and includes modules on identification, disbursement of pension, release of funds, verification, sanction of pension, ground for refusal etc.
As part of the Government's decision Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Phase-I was rolled out from 1st July, 2013 in the 3 Pension Schemes of NSAP on pilot basis in 121 districts. Considering differences in institutional factors across the states the modalities regarding transfer of money to beneficiaries are fixed by the States.

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Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2047 for reply on 10.12.2015.

Salient features of the schemes under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)

(i).Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS): Pension /Central assistance of Rs. 200/- per month is provided to persons in the age group of 60-79 years and Rs. 500/- per month to persons of 80 years and above belonging to BPL households.

(ii).Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS): Under the scheme pension/ Central assistance @ Rs. 300/- per month is provided to widows in the age-group of 40-79 years belonging to BPL households. On reaching the age of 80 years, the beneficiaries is shifted to IGNOAPS to get enhance assistance of Rs.500/- per month.

(iii).Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS): Under the scheme pension / Central assistance @ Rs. 300/- per month is provided to persons aged 18-79 years with severe and multiple disabilities belonging to BPL households. On reaching the age of 80 years, the beneficiaries is shifted to IGNOAPS to get enhance assistance of Rs.500/- per month.

(iv). National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS): Under the scheme a BPL household is entitled to lump sum amount of money on the death of primary breadwinner aged between 18 and 59 years. The amount of assistance is Rs. 20,000/-.

(v).Annapurna: Under the scheme, 10 kg of food grains per month are provided free of cost to those senior citizens who, though eligible, are not receiving old age pension.

Annexure-IV

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2047 for reply on 10.12.2015.

Details of changes carried out in these schemes during last three years and current year

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Changes	Date
1.	IGNOAPS	Eligibility age under IGNOAPS divided in two categories i.e 60-79 years and 80 years or more in making consonance with changes in IGNWPS and IGNDPS. Rate of Assistance under IGNOAPS for the persons of 80 years or more had been increased to Rs.500/- p.m.	08.11.2012
2.	IGNWPS	Revision in the eligibility age from 40-59 years to 40-79 years under the ongoing IGNWPS and also increase in the rate of assistance from Rs.200/- p.m. to Rs.300/- p.m.	08.11.2012
3.	IGNDPS	Revision in the eligibility age from 18-59 years to 18-79 years under the ongoing IGNDPS and also increase in the rate of assistance from Rs.200/- p.m. to Rs.300/- p.m.	08.11.2012
4.	NFBS	Revision in the eligibility age from 18-64 years to 18-59 years under the ongoing National Family Benefit Scheme(NFBS) and also increase the lump sum grant under NFBS FROM Rs.10000/- to Rs.20000/-.	18.10.2012